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TO AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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SUBJECT:PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT ON GOTHENBERG REOPENING

REF: STOCKHOLM 0040

1. DEPARTMENT WILL NOT MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE REOPENING OF THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL AT GOTHENBERG. IT WILL, HOWEVER, CIRCULATE AN INTERNAL MEMORANDUM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO THIS EFFECT.

2. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY STOCKHOLM TO ISSUE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS PURPOSES, AS SUGGESTED REFTEL. SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT, HOWEVER, SHOULD FOLLOW DELIVERY OF APPROPRIATE NOTE TO SWEDISH MFA

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AND CONCURRENCE OF GOS IN OUR PROPOSED ACTION.

3. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED TEXT FOR EMBASSY'S USE IN ISSUING PUBLIC-ANNOUNCEMENT: QUOTE THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN GOTHENBERG, WHICH WAS CLOSED IN MARCH 1970, WILL BE OPENED DURING THE CURRENT YEAR. THIS ACTION IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISH OF CONGRESS, EXPRESSED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S 1976 AUTHORIZATION BILL (PL-94-141) WHICH STATES: IT IS THE WISH OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE U.S. CONSULATE AT GOTHENBERG, SWEDEN, SHOULD BE REOPENED AS SOON AS

POSSIBLE AFTER THE DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT. GOTHENBERG WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICE OPENED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND WE ARE PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT IT WILL BE REOPENING IN THIS THE YEAR OF OUR BICENTENNIAL. END QUOTE KISSINGER

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